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SUBJ: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: POST-SHOT EQUIPMENT RETENTION ISSUE

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 125

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1. REFTEL PARA 1: DELEGATION WOULD LIKE, FOR ITS OWN UNDERSTANDING, DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF POTENTIAL CAPABILITY OF HOST TO ALTER DATA AS OBTAINED ON RECORDERS IN SLIFER AND SEISMIC TRAILERS BY USE OF EQUIPMENT CONCEALED IN OTHER PIECES OF EQUIPMENT OR IN OTHER PLACES IN THE TRAILER OUTSIDE OF THE RECORDER.

2. DELEGATION REQUESTS ARGUEMENTS THAT CAN BE USED IN DISCUSSION WITH SOVIETS TO ESTABLISH REASON US REQUIRES RETURN OF EQUIPMENT TO US; ALSO IDENTIFICATION AND EXPLANATION OF FEATURES THAT COULD RELIEVE SOVIET CONCERNS REGARDING THIS EQUIPMENT BEING RETAINED BY VERIFYING SIDE.

3. INABILITY TO SATISFY SOVIET CONCERN ON MATTER OF TURNING OVER EQUIPMENT AFTER EXPLOSION MAY RESULT IN IMPASSE.

4. IS IT POSSIBLE TO DEVISE PROCEDURES SO THAT CERTAIN EQUIPMENT WHICH DOES NOT OCCUR IN DUPLICATE, AND THUS CANNOT BE SELECTED BY CHANCE CHOICE PROCEDURE, COULD

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BE RETAINED BY HOST PARTY WITHOUT INCURRING UNACCEPT-

ABLE RISKS TO VERIFYING SIDE?

5. IF TAMPER-PROOFED NEW EQUIPMENT IS DEVELOPED, HOW WOULD THIS AFFECT PROVISIONS IN PROTOCOL RELATED TO POST-EXPLOSION RETENTION OF EQUIPMENT?

6. CAN PROTOCOL PROVISION ON POST-EXPLOSION RETENTION OF EQUIPMENT BE BASED ON USE OF TAMPER-PROOF EQUIPMENT, WITH ACCEPTANCE OF RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH USE OF EXISTING EQUIPMENT FOR LIMITED TIME PERIOD?

7. REFTTEL PARA 1: LAST SENTENCE DOES NOT SAY WHAT IS OR IS NOT "RELEVANT" CALIBRATION AND CHECKOUT EQUIPMENT. DOES THIS SENTENCE MEAN THAT ALL "RELEVANT" EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLIED IN DUPLICATE TO BE SELECTED BY CHANCE CHOICE? DOES THIS MEAN THAT EQUIPMENT NOT "RELEVANT" CAN BE RETAINED BY HOST PARTY? ACCORDING TO CURRENT SOVIET VIEW, ALL EQUIPMENT APPEARS "RELEVANT" TO THEIR CONCERNS.

8. REFTTEL PARA 4: IS IT NECESSARY TO DELIVER EQUIPMENT TO SITE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO EMPLACEMENT IF FINAL PROVISION DOES NOT REQUIRE DEMONSTRATION? IT WOULD SEEM TO BE DISADVANTAGE TO VERIFYING SIDE TO SET UP EQUIPMENT SOONER THAN NECESSARY BEFORE EMPLACEMENT OF EXPLOSIVES. STOESSEL

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